

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Change page 9, lines 4-8, as follows:

Figs. 5(A)-5(C) are perspective views showing the upper and lower portions of the damper according to the invention, wherein Fig. 5(A) shows a state that the upper and lower ~~portion~~ portions are connected, Figs. 5(B) and 5(C) show states that the upper portion is released from the lower portion;

Change paragraph 0056, as follows:

[0056] On the other hand, as shown in Fig. 3, the lid portion 28 provided at the one end side of the upper portion 30 has an outer diameter approximately the same as an inner diameter of the housing 16 to be received therein. A step 38 is formed at an opening side of the inner peripheral surface of the housing 16 so that when the lid portion 28 is received in the housing 16, the lid portion 28 abuts against the step 38 to thereby position.

Change paragraph 0091, as follows:

[0091] However, the projecting portions 32 and the connecting portions 24 ~~extend not necessary~~ are not necessarily required to extend from the outer peripheral surfaces of the upper portion 30 and the lower portion 20 at the symmetrical positions. A single projecting portion 32 and a single connecting portion 24 may be provided on the outer peripheral surfaces of the upper portion 30 and the lower portion 20.